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Louisville Public Library Acquires Gales Courses for Community Education

Library to Offer Instructor-led Online Courses Beginning July 1st

LOUISVILLE, CO — June 20, 2014 — The Louisville Public Library has acquired Gale Courses from Gale, part of Cengage Learning. Through this unique program, Library users can access instructor-led, online courses through the Louisville Public Library website—free of charge. Gale Courses will be available on July 1, 2014.

"Part of our Library's mission is to inspire and engage life-long learning in our community," said Louisville Library director Beth Barrett. "With Gale Courses, our patrons will be able to enroll in courses covering all types of topics and subjects. Whether someone is considering going back to school to pursue a degree or just interested in digital photography, the course catalog offers something for everyone."

Gale Courses, developed as a result of Gale's unique position within the library, classroom, and adult learning markets, offer patrons access to hundreds of instructor-led online courses covering everything from health and wellness to creative writing, computer programming, GED test preparation, and much more. Gale Courses are developed by expert instructors, many of whom are currently working at universities around the country, and have continuous enrollment dates.

Patrons can enroll at no cost. Courses run for six weeks, with two new lessons released weekly (for a total of 12), and new sessions beginning every month. The courses are entirely web-based with comprehensive lessons, quizzes, and assignments. A dedicated professional instructor coordinates every course by pacing learners, answering questions, giving feedback, and facilitating discussions.

Louisville Library patrons can enroll and participate in courses from Library computers or remotely. For more information about the catalog of courses offered or to enroll in a course, please visit the library website http://www.louisville-library.org, or watch a short video about Gale Courses.

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